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SUBJECT: NASA EARTH RESOURCES SATELLITE (LANDSAT) INVESTI-
GATIONS PROGRAM.

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1. ON SEPT. 12, 1975, NASA FORWARDED PROVISIONS FOR
PARTICIPATION TO MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND
PUBLIC WORKS FOR GOM SIGNATURE IN ORDER TO FINALIZE
ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEKOU DIALLO TO PARTICIPATE AS A PRINCIPAL
INVESTIGATOR IN LANDSAT PROGRAM. NASA HOPEFUL THAT SIGNED
DOCUMENT WILL BE RETURNED IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. TIME IS BECOMING IMPORTANT FACTOR. NASA IS HOLDING
OPEN A SEGMENT OF ITS SATELLITE DATA GATHERING CAPACITY
PENDING MALI'S DECISION TO USE IT. TO MAXIMIZE POSSIBILI-
TIES FOR TEST SITE COVERAGE, PROVISIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED
TO NASA ASAP. THIS IS BECAUSE ONE OF TWO ONBOARD TAPE
RECORDERS HAS FAILED, SEVERELY LIMITING COVERAGE CAPABILITY
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IN AREAS OUTSIDE RANGE OF EXISTING GROUND RECEIVING

STATIONS. MALI IS SUCH AN AREA. MOREOVER, UNANTICIPATED HEAVY DEMANDS ON REMAINING TAPE RECORDER HAVE REDUCED EXPECTED LIFETIME.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY CONVEY SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE TO GOM, AND ADVISE NASA WHETHER THERE IS POSITIVE INDICATION OF INTENT TO SIGN AND WHEN RECEIPT MIGHT BE EXPECTED.

4. REQUEST VERBAL EXPLANATION OF FOLLOWING TO GOM: BECAUSE OF TAPE RECORDER CONSTRAINTS AND OTHER USER DEMANDS, NASA CANNOT RESERVE SATELLITE TIME FOR MALI INDEFINITELY IN ABSENCE OF RECEIPT OF SIGNED PROVISIONS. REQUEST RESPONSE FROM GOM IN SIX WEEKS. IF SIGNED PROVISIONS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN TWO MONTHS, NASA WILL BE FORCED TO CONCLUDE GOM NO LONGER INTERESTED IN PURSUING INVESTIGATION AND WILL CONSIDER MATTER CLOSED. HOWEVER, HOPES THIS IS NOT THE CASE. SISCO

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